

## **Dublin's King's Hospital School celebrates 350th anniversary**



**Former deputy headmaster, Glascott Symes, who gave the address and the new headmaster, Mark Ronan, at the service marking the school's 350th anniversary.**

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Three hundred and fifty years of education at the King's Hospital School, Dublin, was celebrated on Friday afternoon (January 18) in St Patrick's Cathedral. There was standing room only for the special service of Choral Evensong which was celebrated by the school chaplain and cathedral Precentor, Canon Peter Campion, and sung by the school's Chapel Choir.

The service was attended by Archbishop Michael Jackson and Bishop Pat Storey who are members of the school's board of governors. Also present was the recently appointed headmaster, Mark Ronan, who is just eleven days in the job, along with the 730-strong current cohort of students, their teachers and many past pupils and teachers.

The address was given by former teacher and deputy headmaster Glascott Symes. He reminded the KH students of today that they were part of an important heritage and hoped they would gain the lifelong friendships and memories held by the past pupils who were drawn to the service. He added: "It is you, the pupils, not the teachers or governors, who will maintain these traditions."

Looking to the school's future he said that in a period of aggressive secularism it was a challenge to maintain a Christian heritage so that all pupils and staff knew they were in a community living out their lives according to the ideals of Jesus Christ.

"This comes not just from what is taught in the classroom, or even in the Chapel, but from what is experienced day by day in Chapel, classroom, dormitories, recreation rooms and games fields; that undefinable ethos expressed through

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**Canon Peter Campion, Bishop Pat Storey, Archbishop Michael Jackson, Dean William Morton and Bishop Roy Warke at the 350th anniversary service of the King's Hospital School in St Patrick's Cathedral.**

respect for self and for others, and by taking responsibility for one's own actions. The urgent need to attend to the care of our planet earth must be instilled as part of that responsibility. The privilege of a fine education carries with it the responsibility of service to our fellow humans, especially those who do not have our advantages, in whatever community past pupils find themselves during their lives," he stated.

Addressing the congregation, Mr Ronan said that looking back crystalised what is most important moving forward. He envisaged a future for today's students with artificial intelligence, a four day working week and multiple careers for each individual. This would require that more talent be

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fostered and greater diversity. He added that inclusivity was central to the values that had buttressed King's Hospital throughout the challenges of the past and had seen the school thrive.

He said it was the school's responsibility to ignite a lifelong passion for learning in students and to keep that fire burning. "We need to support them to become the best version of themselves with the confidence to give it a go. These young men and women are compassionate and respect diversity ... I encourage all of you to embrace the journey that lies ahead," he said.

The Hospital and Free School of King Charles II was founded by the first Duke of Ormonde, James Butler, viceroy to King Charles, in 1669 and established under a Royal Charter in 1671. It opened on Queen Street with 64 boys and three girls and was linked to Dublin Corporation catering for children whose fathers, mainly artisans who were freeman of the city, had died. They were rescued from poverty and apprenticed to the city's trades. The school opened in new buildings on Blackhall Place in 1783.

In the 19th century Catholic Emancipation and the reorganisation of local government saw an end to the link with the Corporation. There was then a fall in the number of pupils from the city and growth in children coming from the country. This led to the King's Hospital becoming a boarding school catering for the sons of Church of Ireland farmers, doctors, clergy and shopkeepers from all over Ireland. It gradually became a fee-paying school.



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In the mid 20th century two schools, Morgan's School and Mercer's School in Castleknock, were taken over and in 1971 the school moved from the city to its current location at Brooklawn, Palmerstown.



## **Monsignor Joseph McGuinness to be Parish Priest of Carrickmacross**

The Diocese of Clogher has announced that, following the forthcoming ordination of Bishop-elect

Larry Duffy on Sunday 10 February 2019, Monsignor Joseph McGuinness will take up the position of Parish Priest of Carrickmacross (Machaire Rois), Co Monaghan, in succession to Mgr Duffy.

Mgr McGuinness is currently the Diocesan Administrator of Clogher and Administrator of the Parish of Tyholland.

Monsignor Joseph McGuinness, a native of the Parish of Lisnaskea-Maguire'sbridge (Aghalurcher), Co Fermanagh, has been the Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Clogher since 3 October 2016. He has been Administrator of the Parish of Tyholland since September 2010.

Monsignor Larry Duffy PP, Carrickmacross, is the Bishop-elect of Clogher. He will be ordained bishop on Sunday 10

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February 2019. He has been Parish Priest of Carrickmacross since September 2013.

## New extension for Maghaberry's Church on the Hill



The Church on the Hill, Maghaberry (Diocese of Dromore), has just completed a project to extend the front of their building and create a spacious foyer/welcome area and extra meeting rooms.

### Revd Harold Agnew, Portadown District Superintendent of the Methodist Church (Right) and Bishop Harold Miller of Down and Dromore

Begun in July 2018, the building work was finished over the new year and on Sunday morning 20 January the church welcomed friends and special guests to an opening and dedication service.

The extension was officially opened by the Revd Harold Agnew (Portadown District Superintendent of the Methodist

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Church) and Bishop Harold Miller (*pictured*). Also in attendance were local clergy, the Mayor Councillor Uel Mackin and representatives of Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council, the builder Gerald Henderson and architect Chris Stevenson.

“What a wonderful morning of celebration it was!” said the Revd Clare Kakuru, Minister in Charge.

“The extension not only gives us much needed space for our growing youth organisations but it also opens up new opportunities for outreach into a growing village. The glass frontage creates a welcoming and attractive first impression and hopefully makes the decision to take that first step inside a church building a little bit less scary!

“It has been wonderful to see this new extension in use over recent days and it is my prayer that over the next few months this new space will increasingly be used to reach out to and serve the community here in Maghaberry.”

## **'We have a strong bond,' say Catholic and Anglican leaders in England**

Catholic and Anglican leaders in England have expressed their ongoing commitment to dialogue after meeting for their biennial conference last week.

The Archbishop of Birmingham, the Most Rev Bernard Longley said the meeting in Leicester, held over January 16

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## **English Anglican and Catholic leaders at their biennial conference**

and 17, 'highlighted how very far we have come in our fraternal discussions in the past 50 years'.

'We have a strong bond, we are dealing with the same problems which we must continue to tackle in our different ways and support each other in our love for Christ and His flock,' he said.

'This meeting has been frank and realistic. I am both encouraged and strengthened by this sincere dialogue and our friendship as brothers and sisters in Christ. We journey onwards in hope - we have so much in common - in this drama of redemption.'

In total, 27 Anglican bishops and 27 Catholic bishops attended the conference to pray and reflect together on



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areas of disagreement as well as opportunities for collaboration at a regional and national level.

Those in attendance included the head of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, and the leader of the Church of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Justin Welby.

The delegates also spent some time reflecting on Walking Together On The Way, the most recent document to have been issued by the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) last July.

Walking Together On the Way was underpinned by the idea of 'receptive learning' in which the two Churches acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit in the other and recognise areas of mutual learning.

ARCIC members Dr Paula Gooder and Professor Paul Murray led the bishops in the time of reflection during which they considered the life of their global communions and the differences and similarities between the Church structures.

In addition to ongoing Anglican-Catholic dialogue, the two Churches discussed matters of importance to the nation, including the UK's relationship with the EU which has been made uncertain by Brexit.

Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Ripon, welcomed the opportunity to meet with Catholic leaders: 'This 24 hour period has been a highly stimulating and honest time of sharing: prayer, fellowship, laughter and mutual support.

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'I would like to think that the body of Christ has been enriched by this time and look forward to other opportunities to engage together.'

The meeting ended the day before Christians around the world kicked off the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on January 18, which this year takes as its inspiration Deuteronomy 16:18-20, 'Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue...'

## **Vatican publishes new resources on combating human trafficking**

The Vatican has issued a new document regarding “Pastoral Orientations on Human Trafficking”, with the aim of “understanding, recognizing, preventing, and eradicating the plague of the trafficking of persons, protecting the victims, and promoting the recovery of survivors.”

The 36-page document, which was presented at a press conference at the Holy See Press Office, is an expression of the “enormous importance” Pope Francis attaches to the “plight of the millions of men, women, and children who are trafficked and enslaved.”

According to the preface of the *Pastoral Orientations*, the purpose of the document is “to provide a *reading* of Human Trafficking and an *understanding* that motivate and sustain the much-needed long-term struggle.”

The *Pastoral Orientations* are the result of extensive consultations with “Church leaders, scholars, and



experienced practitioners and partner organizations working in the field.”

After discussing the proper definition of human trafficking, *Pastoral Orientations* goes on to investigate the underlying causes of the phenomenon. It emphasises the importance of acknowledging the reality of human trafficking, and seeks to describe the dynamics of this “ugly, evil business.” Finally, the document examines responses to human trafficking, including increasing cooperation among those fighting this crime; providing support to victims of human trafficking, and promoting the recovery of survivors.

The new “Pastoral Orientations” document was prepared by the Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. Since its foundation by Pope Francis, the Migrants and Refugees

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section has acted under the direct guidance of the Holy Father.

At the same press conference, Vatican Officials also presented a collection of Pope Francis' teachings on migrants, refugees and human trafficking, from the beginning of his pontificate through 2007.

The collection, entitled "Lights on the Ways of Hope" is also available in a searchable electronic version, available on the website of the Migrant and Refugees Section.

The website is expected to be updated every six months with new pontifical teachings.

## **January 22 in Christian history**

**January 22, 304 (traditional date):** Vincent of Saragossa, one of the most famous martyrs of the early church, is killed. Starved, racked, roasted on a gridiron, thrown into prison, and set in stocks, he refused to sacrifice. According to Augustine, his fame extended everywhere in the Roman Empire and "wherever the name of Christ was known".

**January 22, 1899:** Pope Leo XIII warns James Cardinal Gibbons, senior hierarch of the Catholic church in America, against the "phantom heresy" of Americanism—the attempt to adapt the traditional doctrines and practices of the church to a more independent modern world.

**January 22, 1973:** The United States Supreme court legalizes abortion in its Roe v. Wade decision.



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